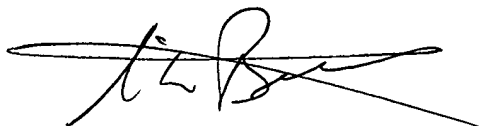


Remarks

By this paper, claims 1, 3, 5-6, 9-19, and 21-22 are amended. No new matter is believed to have been entered as a result of such amendments. The claim amendments were made to place the claims in a more standard format for prosecution in the United States. Entry is therefore respectfully requested. Claims 1-22 are now pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of the application. In the event that the Examiner finds any impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully invited to initiate the same with the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 10 day of April 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Ballard", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

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